

POWDER FACTORY MAY BE ERECTED

Government to Take This
Step Against Trust.

ROBERT WADDELL TESTIFIES

Tells Congressional Committee Uncle
Sam Is Now Dependent on
Combine.

A result of charges that the United States is wholly dependent in times of peace and war on a gigantic powder trust, the Appropriations Committee of both houses of Congress have decided to recommend the establishment of a Government powder factory.

While it is declared that the intention to enter into competition with private manufacturers of powder, the fact that \$200,000 has been tentatively fixed upon as the amount of money necessary for the Government plant, leads to the impression that the charges of the existence of a powder trust have been well sustained.

Those who have been fighting the alleged trust have maintained that a plant suitable for all purposes can be built and equipped for that sum of money.

Has Government by Throat.

The Senate Committee on Appropriations, in continuance of an inquiry which it has had in progress for several weeks, heard Robert S. Waddell, of Peoria, Ill., behind closed doors yesterday relative to charges which he had previously filed with the committee, and upon which General Crozier, chief of the Bureau of Ordnance of the War Department, and other army officials have already testified.

Waddell yesterday presented facts and figures to bear out his charges that the trust had the Government by the throat and that it was a founder and a party to the international agreement between itself and European dynamite manufacturers, fixing prices and dividing the markets of the world. He charged that the trust has an absolute, exclusive monopoly of all the resources of national defense, and that it is levying extortions amounting to millions of dollars yearly.

Makes Large Profits.

Waddell charged yesterday that the Du Pont Company owns and controls the Laflin & Rand, International, and California powder companies. He said that they all bid separately the same price for ordnance smokeless powder, 75 cents per pound, the United States Government to furnish the alcohol, which costs approximately 5 cents per pound. This powder is made by the company under inspection of army and navy officers stationed at the plants. He declared that when completed, with all salaries and expenses added, the powder cost the trust not to exceed 35 cents a pound.

He submitted records to show that at one time the Du Pont Company charged 85 and 90 cents a pound; that the International plant was built and that competition reduced the price, whereupon control was obtained of the International product.

He estimated the capacity of the several plants about as follows: Du Pont, 7,000 pounds daily; 2,000,000 pounds yearly; Laflin & Rand, the same capacity; International, 6,000 pounds daily; 1,800,000 pounds yearly; California, 4,000 pounds daily, 1,200,000 yearly. He stated that the three Eastern seaboard plants are in almost constant operation and he estimated the net profits at \$2,500,000 a year on a total capacity of 7,200,000 pounds.

Not Opposed to Private Enterprise.

He produced estimates to prove his statement that the Government could build and equip a plant at not to exceed \$250,000. He declared that the independent manufacturers of blasting powder and dynamite are back of him in his fight against the trust.

The sentiment of the committee as developed yesterday was in favor of a Government establishment, not, it was announced, of a size to enter into competition with private manufacturers, but sufficient to form an establishment at which officers of the army might become acquainted with the processes of powder making, and which establishment could be extended in time of war.

WHITECAPS TEAR UP RAILS IN TENNESSEE

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 10.—The vicissitudes of railroads in the recent Hattiesburg was illustrated by the act of Capt. J. J. White, president of the Liberty White branch, which runs into the country described by visitors as "wild and woolly."

Captain White offered substantial reward for every person found attempting to throw a switch or otherwise attempting to wreck trains along the line of travel his road takes. Since the opening of traffic on the Liberty road much trouble has been experienced in running trains. Rails have been frequently torn from the ties and open switches have been left with a view of discouraging promoters of the enterprise.

Commenting on the trouble, Captain White says that Whitecappers, who exist in bountiful quantities, objected to the opening of railroads because it injured the wagon trade and crippled those with teams who had been hauling logs to market.

"They regard the railroad as a menace to their interests," said Captain White, "but we have come to stay, even if we hurt the wagon business."

WOMAN REVIVES DURING PREPARATIONS FOR FUNERAL

GALVESTON, Tex., March 10.—While being dressed for burial, the attendants on the supposed corpse of Mrs. R. Newlands, the wife of a farmer residing between Howland and Ambia, were shocked to see her suddenly assume a sitting posture and within a few minutes rise to her feet and ask what it was all about.

For several days Mrs. Newlands had been seriously ill, gradually becoming unconscious, and finally no signs of life were perceptible. It was thought she was dead. It transpired that Mrs. Newlands had only sunk into a stupor.

Autoists Sure Speed Bill Will Not Pass Senate

Local Enthusiasts Work Hard to Defeat Sims
Measure—House District Committee
Refuses Them Hearing.

The Sims auto-speed-regulation bill will be voted on in the House tomorrow. The action of that body on this important measure is the cause of much concern among local autoists.

At a meeting of the Automobile Club of Washington last night it was definitely stated that the bill would be defeated, if not by the lower house, by the Senate. Members of the club have been working earnestly to prevent the enactment of the measure.

J. S. Stoddard, who has been the chief spokesman of the club members, said that so far as can be determined one-eleventh of one per cent of collision accidents in the United States result from automobiles. Stoddard read a letter from President Duvallet read a letter from

the chairman of the House Committee on the District of Columbia, in which the local autoists a hearing on the bill.

Members of the club expressed much disappointment at not being given an opportunity to present their side of the case to the House committee, but it is understood they will be given a hearing before the Senate committee when the bill is taken up for consideration by that body if it passes the lower house.

In a business session it was agreed that a clubhouse would be built on the Villa-Flora property, on Brightwood road. An option on ground for such a clubhouse has been secured. Plans for the building will be ready during the coming week. It is proposed to spend about \$2,000 on the building.

WOMAN HONORED IN NAVY DEPARTMENT

Secretary Bonaparte Gives
Her Promotion.

Heretofore Has Been Discriminated
Against Because of Sex.

Others Hopeful.

Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte inspired a wall of denunciation from patriotic and sentimental women all over the country when he suggested to Congress last fall that the remnant of Old Ironsides be taken out to sea and destroyed in target practice. But he has now re-established himself in the good graces of feminine America, finally granting to a faithful and efficient woman an employe the promotion that has been due her for several years.

Miss Fannie G. Thomas is the woman, and she is one of the most popular and efficient clerks in the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, from the \$1,200 grade to \$1,300. In making this promotion, Mr. Bonaparte waived the sex question entirely, when a vacancy in the \$1,300 grade was reported, and gave the place to the person first in line and most entitled to it. That person happened to be a woman—the first time in many years that a woman in the Navy Department has been promoted above the \$1,200 grade.

Action Universally Approved.

This action is not only received with great favor by the women clerks of the department, but is also approved by the men who are opposed to women clerks being discriminated against. Many men have profited within recent years by the former policy of the department, although they were opposed to rising to places that rightly belonged to women. Discrimination against women in the Navy Department was first begun several years ago, when a former Secretary announced that women were to be promoted to the \$1,200 grade, but not above that.

Worked Injury to Women.

As a result of this policy, many women in different bureaus of the department, who had attained a high standard of efficiency and were entitled to promotion, were compelled to work on a low salary while men clerks who entered the service perhaps several years later, and whose efficiency credits were not nearly so high, passed them in the race of money-getting. This was true in the case of Miss Thomas. For four years or more she has been held down to \$1,200, when she was entitled, by her credits, to be advanced, and in this time a number of clerks, who originally were far below her, have been advanced on up toward the \$2,000 mark.

An Employe Twelve Years.

Miss Thomas was appointed to the civil service from the District and has been in the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts since 1892. For several years she has had charge of adding the open purchase and contract vouchers and was directly under T. A. Tucker, who is now chief clerk of the bureau. There are about 600 civil service employes in the Navy Department proper, and the number of women employes there has been gradually weeded out, marriage having diminished the number to a considerable extent, till now there are not more than seventy-five. There are less than a dozen women in the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts. There are in the same class of which Miss Thomas stood so long at the head.

Other Clerks Are Hopeful.

Although changes in that bureau are not often, all the women there, as well as in all other bureaus of the Navy Department, are much gratified over the promotion of Miss Thomas, believing that it bodes for them less, or, perhaps, no discrimination in future. A number of women in other bureaus have been entitled to promotion, on account of their efficiency, for some time, and it is thought likely that they will soon receive their just dues. There have been four or five instances of men being promoted under Secretary Bonaparte, while women stood ahead of them, one of them being in the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts.

The list for promotions was sent in from this bureau as usual, with the names given in order of their standing. No. 1 was Miss Thomas and No. 2 a man. For several years Miss Thomas had headed the list in this same manner, and there was no thought but that she would continue at the old figure, while the man below her would go up. Considerable surprise, consequently, was manifested when Secretary Bonaparte promptly granted the promotion to the faithful woman clerk.

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VACCINATION ONLY WAY OF STOPPING SMALLPOX

Dr. Woodward Says Sulphate of Zinc
Preparation Is No More Preven-
tive Than Water.

"Proper vaccination provides the only known immunity from smallpox. No other preventive is recommended, and the medical profession recognizes no chance treatments."

Dr. W. C. Woodward, District health officer, strongly advocating renewed vaccination as the most effective preventive of the disease, made this statement when asked as to the efficacy of a remedy consisting of "one grain of sulphate of zinc, one grain of fougere, sometimes called digitalis—mixed with two tablespoonfuls of water," asserted to have been used with highly successful results by Mother Marie Joseph, a sister of charity at the St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum, in Philadelphia, some time ago.

Such a treatment, Dr. Woodward stated, would be no more likely to prevent or cure smallpox than such Potomac water.

"The results obtained by vaccination," says Dr. Woodward, "have demonstrated conclusively that it gives almost certain immunity. I would advise that every person be vaccinated, not only once, but several times, until it is determined by a physician that no danger of infection exists."

"A vaccination producing a sore arm is an indication that the person was not properly immunized, and that, therefore, he has been exposed to smallpox. Infection would have probably resulted. On the other hand, although this may not be generally understood by the public, when no sore results and the vaccination does not 'take,' it shows that the system is somewhat immunized and infection is unlikely."

G. W. U. GETS LIBRARY OF RICHARD HEINZEL

The George Washington University has purchased the Germanic library of the late Prof. Richard Heinzl, of the University of Vienna. It contains about 7,200 volumes and pamphlets, many of which are rare even in Europe, while copies of many others do not exist in this country.

It contains a large number of works and periodicals not only in Germanic philology and literature, but also in the cognate linguistic branches, especially Anglo-Saxon, old English, the Romance languages, and Slavica, dealing pre-eminently with the Slavic races in Austria-Hungary.

The acquisition of the library by the university is due largely to the generosity of Christian Heinrich.

ROGERS DEFEATED IN MISSOURI COURTS

(Continued From First Page.)

H. Rogers, the Standard Oil director, to answer the questions put to him by Attorney General Hadley in the taking of testimony in the Missouri Oil suits in this city.

Expects to Answer.

Should Mr. Rogers decline to answer when the hearings are resumed on March 23, he will probably be adjudged in contempt of court by Justice Gildersleeve.

Counsel for Rogers, appearing before Justice Gildersleeve, recently, stated that Mr. Rogers would answer the questions, "unless the situation changes between now and March 23." Justice Gildersleeve did not hold court today. Mr. Rogers was not at his office, and Henry Wolcott, New York counsel for the State of Missouri, is in Atlantic City.

It can be stated on authority that Mr. Rogers' counsel has not exhausted all the legal means to prevent his client from giving the desired information, and when the hearings are resumed here, Mr. Rogers will refuse to answer the questions put to him.

DIED.

BRUMBAUGH—On Friday morning, March 9, 1906, BEATRICE G. BRUMBAUGH, aged eight years, daughter of Arthur E. and Allie V. Brumbaugh.

Funeral at the house, 466 Maryland avenue southeast, Monday morning at 10 o'clock. H. BURKE, undertaker, on Thursday, March 8, 1906, at 4:30 p. m., PATRICK H., beloved husband of Mary Burke (nee Connor).

Funeral from his late residence, 228 H street northwest, Monday at 8:30 o'clock a. m.; thence to St. Stephen's Church, where solemn requiem mass will be said for the repose of his soul. Friends and relatives invited to attend. Interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

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Mrs. Ballinger Says Education Does
Not Improve Colored
Man.

Strong indorsement of the plan of the public playgrounds committee to secure from Congress an appropriation of \$55,000 to be used in erecting a model settlement building and one of \$15,000 for the maintenance of playgrounds was voiced by the Daughters of the American Revolution at a mass meeting of the District chapter last evening at the Ebbitt Hotel. All the officers and about 100 members of the chapter were present.

A petition, Regent Mussey announced, signed by every regent in the District advocating the proposed playgrounds will be forwarded to Congress within a few days.

The District Commissioners' bill now pending in Congress providing compulsory education in the District was indorsed.

In a discussion of the question of industrial education for the colored man, Mrs. M. F. Ballinger declared that she held opinions on this question similar to those of Governor Vardaman of Mississippi, to the effect that the colored man was worse for the process of education.

Mrs. Nanette Paul, of the School Center, a well-known lecturer on social subjects, will give a series of four lectures on parliamentary law to the members of the local chapter of the D. A. R.

Regent Mussey announced that the annual State conference of the District D. A. R. would be held on April 5, at the Ebbitt, at which many questions of importance to the chapter will be taken up.

HIGH WINDS PREVENTED THE BIG BALLOON RACE

Society People Who Journeyed to Pitts-
burg to See Start Disappointed Be-
cause of Postponement.

PITTSBURG, Mass., March 10.—Thou-

sands of persons, many of them prominent in society, who had journeyed here to witness the start of the balloon race between Charles Leves, the French aeronaut, and Lee Stevens, of the Aero Club of America, were disappointed this afternoon when the announcement was made that the contest had been postponed until tomorrow.

The race was put off owing to the high wind. The big balloons were filled this morning with the most buoyant gas yet secured and all was in readiness for the start at 3 o'clock. A gale prevailed, however, and as there were no indications that it would lessen or force, the contest was declared off until tomorrow.

Both aeronauts will seek duration and length of voyage in their flight. The balloons have each the same capacity, 10,000 cubic feet, but Leves and his equipment weighs 535 pounds, while Stevens and his trappings, including the car and envelopes would tip the scales at 355 pounds. Stevens was favorite in the betting today at 7 to 5.

CELEBRATED ACTRESS' BIBLE SELLS FOR SMALL PRICE

NEW YORK, March 10.—Mrs. Gilbert's Bible brought the highest price among her personal belongings sold at the Knickerbocker Art Galleries yesterday afternoon, \$12, given by W. C. Crane.

This was a gift to Mrs. Gilbert on her thirty-third birthday from the Ladies' Guild of the Reformed Church, New York, and had a bookmark with solid gold anchor, heart, and cross. Many autograph photographs were sold yesterday, with a collection of theater programs and other souvenirs. The pictures were cabinet size, in small wooden frames.

Opening at Mayer Bros. & Co.

Monday and all week the opening display of Mayer Bros. & Co., 337-339 F street, will arouse much interest among the women of Washington. The progressive store has long been known as a leader in millinery and women's outer garments. No expense or endeavor has been spared this year to gather a remarkably handsome and useful exemplification of spring's latest fashions, and the display is exceedingly attractive and worth looking over.

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